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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 10 October 2001, time for response to which was set to expire 10 January 2002. A petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until 10 April 2002 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The pending claims, claims 25-33 were rejected. The rejection is not final.

Applicants appreciate the thoughtfulness and consideration extended their undersigned representative in a telephone interview on 29 March 2002. Examiner Basi kindly explained that many of the basis for rejection were a reflection of Office policy. The issues discussed at the